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1. NIE 72.1-57 correctly emphasized the difficulties confronting the Sudanese in forging national unity, creating effective political institutions, and coping with the economic uncertainties of their one-crop economy.
2. It did not, however, allow for the possibility of an army takeover, as occurred on 17 November, largely in response to the civilian regime's inability to handle the above basic problems. This omission resulted from the belief that the army's non-political traditions would prevent its becoming a decisive influence in government for several years.

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